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## LOBSTER BILL SIGNED.

Changes Legal Length  
10 1-2 to Nine Inches.

Governor Believes Both Fishermen and Public Will Benefit.

Governor Guild signed the nine-inch lobster bill yesterday.

"The fishermen claim—and the governor is convinced with justice—that the restrictions on the lobster industry for many years have been on a basis scientifically false.

"Representations were also made to the governor that this legislation is regarded by those most interested as the first step toward a more complete inversion of the policy of the commonwealth, and that next year they would give their support to the completed plans of the fish and game commission for the protection of the larger egg-bearing lobsters. This was agreed to not only by numerous members of the legislature interested in the bill, but by the delegations of fishermen and lobster dealers who appeared in its behalf.

"Believing that the ultimate result of this legislation will be more scientific protection of lobsters than before, and after a very careful consideration of the matter in all its aspects, the governor signed the bill."

He had a veto all ready for it, but three Hull fishermen with State Committeeman Ripley changed his mind, and he put his signature on the measure. The bill is as follows:

Section 88. Whoever sells or offers for sale or has in his possession an uncooked lobster less than nine inches in length, or a cooked lobster less than eight and three-quarters inches in length, measuring from the extremity of the bone protruding from the head to the end of the bone of the middle flipper of the tail of the lobster, extended on its back its natural length, shall forfeit not more than \$5 for every such lobster, one-half to the use of the city or town in which the offense is committed and one-half to the Commonwealth; and in all prosecutions under the provisions of this section any mutilation of a lobster, cooked or uncooked, which affects its measurement shall be prima facie evidence that the lobster is less than the required length, and the possession of any lobster, cooked or uncooked, which is not of the required length shall be prima facie evidence to convict.

After signing the bill the governor gave out the following statement:

"The governor has been listening patiently to various delegations who in the last 48 hours have approached him in regard to the lobster bill. The bill in question permits the taking of lobsters of not less than nine inches in length. It puts Massachusetts on the same basis with New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Maine, however, still prohibits the taking under the 10 1-2 inch limit.

"For a generation the fish and game commission of Massachusetts has contended that young lobsters should be protected, and the taking of large lobsters be permitted. This year however, the commission has taken ground in favor of a change of policy, admitting that the shorter lobsters are the ones that might be taken properly, while the large lobsters are the ones that should be protected. It appears from their report that the lobster does not lay eggs to any extent until it has reached a length of from 11 to 12 inches. The plan of the commission is, therefore, to regulate the sale of lobsters in the future by enforcing the use of a lobster trap with a mouth restricted to 3 1-4 inches in diameter.

"It has been reliably represented that the present restriction on the length of lobsters is almost impossible of enforcement, since lobsters under the legal length caught in Massachusetts waters are with the greatest ease sold in Rhode Island or cut up and sold as bait.

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## HERRING BAIT.

Good Quantity Now Reported in Vicinity of Rockland.

A telephone message to Capt. Jerome McDonald from Capt. Forman Spinney of sch. Preceptor states that there is a good quantity of herring in the vicinity of Rockland and that he had no difficulty in securing a few baiting there.

## Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Admiral Dewey sold to the American Halibut Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

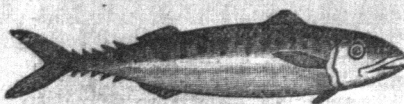
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## FIVE BIG FRESH TRIPS.

Medium Mackerel Continue To Arrive at New York.

FARES FROM 20,000 TO 35,000

1. Elizabeth Silsbee Out from Here But a Week.



And still they come, more mackerel and in big fares, gladdening the hearts of skippers, owners and crew and causing the general public of Gloucester to wear the smile that wont come off because "the seiners are doing something."

The biggest trip of the season reached New York last evening, when the big gasoline auxiliary sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John A. McKinnon, came steaming into Fulton dock, hailing for 35,000 fresh medium mackerel. As the Silsbee only sailed from here a week ago yesterday, she was gone but a week after her big fare, which is certainly hustling.

The fares which arrived this morning are also big ones, the fortunate boats being as follows:

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, 20,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Avalon, Capt. Christopher Carrigan, 22,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith, 25,000 fresh mackerel.

A special to the Times this noon from New York states that sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. Edward McLean, had just arrived with 160 barrels of fresh medium mackerel. This is probably about 25,000 fish in count.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the fresh mackerel at Fulton Market brought 12 1-2 cents each for medium and 40 cents each for large. The mackerel there today are selling for 35 cents for large and 10 cents for medium.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. American, Georges, 16,000 lbs. salt cod

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Burgeo Bank, 40,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Effie H. Prior, Maine Coast, seining, 60,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Azorean, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Valentinna, via Boston.

Sch. Hockomock, Portland, to fit for netting.

Sch. Evangeline, shors.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; eusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt eusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Georges handliner halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

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## Boston.

Sch. Morning Star, 3000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 eusk.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4500 haddock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 2500 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 7000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Jesse Costa, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 halibut.

Sch. Frances Whalen, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 14,000 eusk.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; eusk, \$2.50; halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

The dandy little sch. Hockomock is her from Portland to fit out for south mackerel netting.

Sch. Mooveen, which is at this port from Boston, will fit for seining under command of Capt. Joseph Graham.

Sch. Manomet will now fit for southern mackerel netting under command of Capt. William Prince.

A special from the Times correspondent at Edgartown states that sch. Tecumseh arrived here Monday for bait, and that schs. Ella J. King and William H. Rider of this port were there Tuesday for bait.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, will now fit for south mackerel seining.

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## PECULIAR CASE.

Nova Scotia Schooner Bought Fish of Wrecked American Craft.

The Nova Scotia customs department on Friday seized and released the Digby, N. S., sch. J. W. Cousins, the captain putting up a deposit of \$400. It appears that the Cousins purchased the cargo of fish of an American schooner recently wrecked on the Nova Scotia South Shore. In the fare was a quantity of eusk on which no duty was paid and which was sold in Digby. Hence the seizure.

Sch. Diana, while on a North Bay mackerel seining trip, and laying about seven or eight miles off Souris, P. E. I., was run into on the night of September 26, by the British steamer Amelia. The steamer struck her forward, cutting her down, as well as inflicting other damage. After the accident the steamer towed the Diana into port, where temporary repairs were made before the craft could go to sea again.

Capt. James McLean and his crew claimed that the steamer was at fault for the collision and the suit for damages was brought against the steamer's owners by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company, by which the Diana was insured.

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## WON COLLISION SUIT.

Str. Amelia Responsible for Crash with Sch. Diana.

Judge Condemns Steamer to Damages and Costs in Case.

A despatch from Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Thursday says:

Chief Justice Sullivan today delivered judgment in the Admiralty Court in the case of the Magdalen Island Steamship Company against the Gloucester fishing schooner Diana. Plaintiff steamer Amelia collided with the schooner off East Point, P. E. I., last September. The plaintiff claimed receipt of damages and salvage for towing the schooner to Souris.

The judge held that the steamer was responsible for the collision, allowed no salvage and condemned the steamer to damages with costs. The damages will be assessed later.



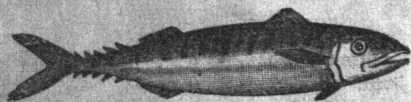
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## MANY MORE FINE FARES.

### Some Large Fish Landed by Two of the Seiners.

#### SCH. MARY E. HARTY IN AGAIN

#### Capt. Solomon Jacobs Lands His Third Trip of Season.



Since last report five more fine mackerel fares have been brought to market, three at New York and two at Fortress Monroe. Yielding to the large receipts of the week and with the last day of the week and Sunday at hand, the price declined considerably, the fish selling at New York yesterday at seven cents each previous sale having been at 10 cents.

On Thursday afternoon sch. Constellation arrived at Fortress Monroe with 40 barrels of fresh medium mackerel, making the second trip this season for Capt. Thaddeus Morgan.

Yesterday forenoon sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, arrived at Fulton Market with 16,000 fresh medium mackerel and was followed, a few hours later, by sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Hamor, with 18,000 fresh mediums.

In the afternoon sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, reached New York, with a trip of 18,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, came into Fortress Monroe, Va., with 8000 fresh medium mackerel, the fare being shipped by William Bauleh to George T. Moon, Fulton Market.

This is the third trip thus far this season for Capt. Jacobs, all three having been landed at Fortress Monroe. Capt. Jacobs evidently believing it was better to run to the nearest market and thus keep close to the body of fish than to take the chances of a little better price for the long run to New York. By doing this, he has made his three trips, being the only one in the fleet having that many trips to his credit thus far this season.

Capt. Jacobs reports a large quantity of fish 40 miles southeast of Cape Henry and a fleet of 20 seiners there. He reports the weather as very bad and interfering greatly with fishing operations.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this morning, with 15,000 fresh medium mackerel in count.

A special to the Times this morning reports that sch. Nourmahal of New York, formerly of this port, commanded by Capt. Jerry Cook of this city, arrived at Fortress Monroe last night with 2000 large fresh mackerel in count and 2000 fresh medium mackerel in count. The fare was shipped to Caleb Haley & Co., Fulton Market. Capt. Cook reported very heavy weather outside.

A special to the Times this noon from its Fulton Market correspondent states that sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, which arrived there this forenoon with 15,000 fresh medium mackerel, had also 15 barrels of large fresh mackerel. Capt. Stanley told the Times representative that he took his fare about 40 miles off Cape Henry on Thursday at midnight. About 25 or 30 sail of seiners were in the vicinity, but none were seen to take fish.

Capt. Stanley also said that he had seen large bodies of fish but the very wild heavy weather which had prevailed almost without a let-up since the fleet had been on the round had precluded the skippers from having anything like a fair show at the fish. The schools of mackerel, he said, had been seen within a radius of ten miles. He thought if the weather moderated that some large catches could be looked for within a few days.

A special to the Times from Fortress Monroe, Va., this forenoon, reports the arrival of the gasoline auxiliary sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, with 12,000 very large medium mackerel. Capt. Cameron reported that the weather still remained cold and stormy.

This is the second trip for Capt. Cameron, he having landed 130 barrels of fresh medium mackerel at New York last Tuesday. Capt. Cameron evidently did not lose any time in getting back on the fish and scooping up another fare.

From the location where the seiners are now reported as getting their fares, it is evident that the mackerel have as yet moved but very little to the northward of where they were first seen and caught by Capt. Solomon Jacobs, late in March. It is somewhat unusual for the fish to stay in one place to the southward for so long a time and many are at loss to explain it, unless the long continued, spell of bad weather is, keeping them back from advancing up the coast.

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## VERY LARGE BUILDING

### Gorton-Pew Co. To Have a 400 Feet Butt Shed

#### ON THE PEW BRANCH WHARF.

#### Grocery To Be Enlarged, Plant Piped for Salt Water.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. has contracted with Mr. Edward S. Griffin for the immediate erection of a large butt building on the John Pew & Son wharf and work on the same has already begun.

The building which will be a monster, will occupy the space now used on the Pew wharf for flakes and driveways, and when completed, it is estimated there will be storage room for 4000 butts of fish. A flake yard will cover the whole top of the large structure, the firm estimating that by this improvement, it will gain at least one third more flake room than at present, also gaining greatly in butt room.

The concern has had this change under consideration for some time, and the building of the structure will be in accordance of its ideas of centralization with an accompanying gain both in facility of labor and amount of work done.

The building, which will begin at the left of the main driveway to the Pew wharf, just where the westerly end of the fish flakes now stands, will extend the whole length of the wharf to the big fence at Rowe court, on the eastern end of the premises, a distance of about 400 feet. In width, it will cover the whole space between the present wharf and upland buildings, leaving a space for a driveway between the new structure and the wharf buildings. On the upland side, there will be a short driveway from the main driveway as far as the printing building, and from there on the new structure will jog out wider and practically cover the whole space of the flake yard, the entire distance to the fence. The average width of the building will be about 120 feet, with a width of 140 feet in its widest part.

The building will be used exclusively for the storage of butts of fish and will have a well laid floor of concrete. The driveway between the new structure and the wharf buildings will also be concreted, as will the short driveway on the upper side.

For carrying the fish to the roof the building will be equipped with two elevators and from the flakes on the roof the dried and cured fish will be wheeled into the skinning loft and storage buildings on either side of the same. The new structure will be so arranged for height as to make its roof come almost on a level with the doors of the above mentioned buildings. Everything about the structure will be modern and first class.

The construction of the buildings will necessitate a lot of blasting, the ground for a long distance along the upper side being a solid ledge. The old wall will also have to be removed and two of the smaller buildings near Howe street which will be in the way of the back line of the new building are being torn down. The blasting and stone work contract has been awarded by Mr. Griffin, who has the contract for the entire work, to Mr. Waler Cressy. When completed the building will not only be a space gainer, but a time and labor saver.

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Beside the erection of this new structure, the Gorton-Pew Company is also having other improvement plans carried out, also on the Pew branch of the plant. A large observatory window is being built on the easterly side of the roof of the present skinning loft, from which a fine view of the whole plant, the harbor and the city to the eastward can be secured.

The old water tank and windmill which stood on the left hand side on the roadway on the Pew wharf has been torn down and removed and a force of workmen is now engaged in piping the entire Pew branch for salt water, which will be used in the curing for all the fish. The contract for this big job has been awarded to the L. E. Smith company.

Since the combination of the four firms, the grocery and outfitting business has been found to have entirely outgrown the quarters on the easterly side of the ground floor of the Pew block on Main street and more room is absolutely necessary. The concern has decided, therefore, to have an addition built to the block to accommodate the grocery and outfitting end of the business, which will be to the rear of the present building, along the Pew driveway. It will be two and a half stories in height, and 40 by 20 feet. This will give the concern increased room where it greatly needs the same.

All these improvements, beside greatly increasing the working efficiency and capacity of this great concern just where it is necessary, will also give labor to many workmen in this city. All the work is now underway and will be hustled along as speedily as possible.

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#### ROTTEN SALMON SEIZED.

Montreal, April 20.—The civil health department seized and destroyed 80,000 tins of salmon, valued at \$8000. The salmon was shipped here from Toronto and was being auctioned off to retail grocers. The fish was badly decomposed and totally unfit for use. Wholesale cases of ptomaine poisoning would have resulted, it is declared, had the salmon reached the public. An effort is being made to discover the shipper.

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#### WHALER IN DISTRESS.

New Bedford, Mass., April 20.—The whaling bark Grayhound of this port is reported off Nantucket, short of provisions and water. Assistance will be sent the bark at once. The Grayhound is homeward bound from a voyage which has lasted nearly four years. She has taken 4625 barrels of sperm whale oil in that time.

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#### Pollock Strike at Provincetown.

Pollock have struck at Provincetown harbor and some of the weirs have made hauls there this week.

The little steamer Mystery came in here yesterday with 3300 pounds of fresh pollock, seined off here yesterday, the first seined on this shore this season. The trip sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

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#### Bait.

The Nelson Bait and Ice Co. of Boothbay Harbor, Me., telegraphs that it has 500 bushels of herring bait in its weirs there.

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##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Georges, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Mystery, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 21,000 lbs. salt cod, 900 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Freddie W. Alton, via Boston.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.



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#### Todays Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; eusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt eusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

#### Boston.

Sch. Reliance, 1200 haddock, 2800 cod.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 4500 haddock, 4500 cod.

Sch. Kate Maxwell, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Diana, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Seacomet, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Hobo, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock.

Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Hortense, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 2300 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake, 5000 eusk.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 9000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 6000 haddock.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock.

Sch. Lillian, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2500 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 6500 haddock.

Sch. James S. Steele, 3500 haddock.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.35 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.65 to \$1.75; hake, \$2 to \$4.25; eusk, \$2.

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#### CREW ALMOST STARVED.

New Bedford, Mass., April 22.—The whaling bark Greyhound was brought into port from a four years' cruise with her crew in almost a starving condition, having subsisted on hard tack during the past 10 days. The Greyhound was sighted off the coast on Thursday and anchored south of Martha's Vineyard Saturday. A tug picked her up yesterday and towed her into port.

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#### ANOTHER GOOD FARE.

Sch. Corsair at Fulton Market with 18,000 Fresh Mackerel.

A despatch to the Times just before going to press announces the arrival at Fulton Market, New York, of sch. Corsair, Capt. Gourley Anderson, of this port, with 18,000 fresh medium mackerel in count. The Corsair is owned by Gardner & Parsons and sailed from here April 11.

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#### New Fish Concern.

Newburyport's "T wharf" is meeting with good success and the fishermen of that city are selling their catches to the new concern that began a wholesale fish business last week on a Central wharf.

The new firm is Marston & Co., of Haverhill and they have headquarters in the old Charles Lunt building, once the scene of greater activities in the palm days of Newburyport.

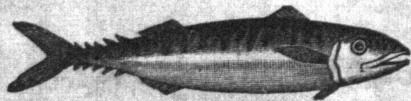
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## EIGHT FARES AT NEW YORK.

Largest Mackerel Receipts  
of Season This Morning.

CATCH IS UP TO LAST YEAR.

Sch. Patrician Arrives with Third  
Trip and is High Line.



Eight arrivals at Fulton market, New York, this morning, have the largest aggregate amount of fresh mackerel landed thus far this season in any one day. The appearance of so many at New York and none at Fortress Monroe would tend to show that the fish are working up the coast.

The fortunate crafts are as follows:

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Mazuire, 15,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, 30,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, 25,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, 12,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Lewis E. Carritt, 18,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis, 15,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. Fred Carritt, 11,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Benjamin McGray, 9000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Pinta has the largest trip of the morning, and at the going price reported, 7 cents for mediums and 25 cents for large, all the vessels having a very few of the latter kind will make a good stock.

Sch. Patrician is in on her third trip, having the second largest fare of the day, and will make another good stock, which with what she got on her other two trips should make her high line of the fleet up to date.

Sch. Esperanto lands her second trip today as also does sch. Fannie E. Prescott.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott met with quite an accident on this trip, carrying away both top-masts, and when she arrived at Fulton market this morning she was "flat roofed."

The fares of schs. A. M. Nicholson and Mary E. Harty landed at Fortress Monroe the latter part of last week, arrived at the stands at Fulton market this morning.

In comparing the southern mackerel receipts thus far with those of last season, it is found that up to and including today, the fleet last year had landed 38 trips, aggregating 3400 barrels, as against 38 trips thus far this season with the same amount, 3400 barrels.

In looking over last spring's work out outh, it is seen that a year ago tomorrow practically wound it up at New York, one trip arriving after that on April 25. That was as the seiners were concerned. About the last of April the netters began to land fares there, but, as all will remember, they were for the most part small trips and there were not many of them.

It is to be hoped that the record of last spring out south will not repeat itself, and the work of the fleet for the next two weeks will be watched with much interest. Of course the light nights now are going to bother the seiners for a few days, but it is thought that where there is known to be such a large body of medium fish out there, they may be faken in the day time, as has been the case in some springs.

The vessels at New York today are reported to be selling at 25 cents for large and 7 cents for medium.

A large quantity of fresh mackerel was received at Boston from New York yesterday.

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#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Harry A. Nickerson sold to the New England Fish Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

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## LOSE FISH OR DROWN.

Was Predicament of Crew  
of Sch. Constellation.

BIG SCHOOL TOOK BOAT DOWN

Over 400 Barrels of Mackerel Had  
To Be Released.

When sch. Constellation got into Fortress Monroe Thursday, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan and his crew were in a not too amiable frame of mind. They were mad and disgusted in one way and thankful in another, mad and disgusted because they had lost a school of between 400 and 500 barrels of mackerel, and yet thankful that they were not all drowned when the big school took the boat and dory down.

The accident happened the night before. They made a dandy set around a school and had the seine nicely dried in. Capt. Morgan estimated that there were at least 60,000 or 70,000 medium mackerel inside the big seine and the vessel was coming up to them to get ready to make fast, when the fish made a rush for the bottom of the twine.

The force of such a concerted rush can well be imagined. The twine did not give, but something had to result from the great weight pressing against it. The seineboat and dory began to go down and soon the boat was full of water and things looked desperate.

Capt. Morgan and his men hung on till the last moment, hoping that the rush would soon be over and the strain relieved, but the desired respite did not come, and to save their lives, the order was given to let the twine run. This relieved the boat and the fish all escaped.

It certainly was aggravating to see a whole spring's work \$5000 or \$6000 surely, almost in hand and then be forced to give it up, but it was a question of let it go or drown, and there was, of course, nothing to it but the former.

When the twine was let go, the men were clinging to the filled and almost sunken boat, no enviable position on a rough, dark night, but the boat righted, as the strain was relieved by the escaping fish and they succeeded in freeing it of the water and the vessel picked them up as quickly as possible.

Soon another school was sighted and they went out to that and got it, but there was only 40 barrels in it. That did not make them feel too good, especially when they thought of the big school they had to let go, so in deep disgust they drove the vessel for Fortress Monroe, to land what they contemptuously called, "a handful of fish," all the time thinking of what might have been.

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#### Western Halibut.

Eighteen cars of Pacific halibut are now on the way from the west for the Boston and New York markets.

#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Senator sold to the American Halibut Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

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#### Prices on Rips Cod.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade this forenoon, the price of salt Rips cod was fixed at \$4.25 per hundred weight for large, \$3.25 for medium and \$2.25 for snappers.